

REGULATIONS FOR PUNISHMENT OF ENEMY AIR CREWS.

(Secret)

Military Ordinance /"Gunrei"/ No. 4 of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China.

The military regulations /"Gunritsu"/ for the punishment of enemy flyers are hereby established as follows:

13 August 1942 (Showa 17)

Shunroku HATA,

Supreme Commander of the Japanese Forces in China.

Military Regulations for the Punishment of Enemy Flyers.

Article 1.

These military regulations shall be applicable to enemy flyers who have raided Japanese territories, Manchukuo, or our operational areas and have come within the jurisdiction of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China.

Article 2.

Those who have committed the following acts shall be liable to military punishment:

- (1) Bombing, strafing, and other attacks with the object of threatening or killing and injuring ordinary people.
- (2) Bombing, strafing, and other attacks with the object of destroying or damaging private property of a non-military nature.
- (3) Bombing, strafing, and other attacks against objects other than military objectives, except those carried out under unavoidable circumstances.
- (4) Violations of wartime international law.

The same shall be applicable to those who, with the object of carrying out the acts enumerated in the preceding paragraph, have come to raid Japanese territories, Manchukuo, or our operational areas and have come within the jurisdiction of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China before accomplishing this object.

Article 3.

Death shall be the military punishment. However, life imprisonment or more than ten years confinement may be substituted for it according to extenuating circumstances.

Article 4.

Death shall be by shooting.

Confinement shall be effected in a detention place and prescribed labor imposed.

Article 5.

Under special circumstances the execution of military punishment shall be remitted.

Article 6.

In respect to confinement, the provisions of the criminal law concerning penal servitude shall be correspondingly applicable, in addition to the provisions of these military regulations.

Supplementary Regulations.

These military regulations shall be enforced from 13 August 1942 (Showa 17).

These military regulations shall be applicable also to the acts committed previous to their enforcement.

Proclamation.

Appendix.

Enemy flyers who have raided Japanese territories, Manchukuo, or our operational areas, come within our jurisdiction, and violated wartime international law shall be tried by court martial and sentenced to either death or heavy punishment as important war criminals.

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Signed at Tokyo on this  
23 day of Aug., 1946

/s/ Kaneo Ishibashi  
Signature of Official  
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Witness: /s/ Shinaji Volayashi

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昭和十七年八月十三日

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敵航空機塔 兼負處罰ニ與ス軍律

又二條 本軍律ハ帝國領ニ滿洲國又ハ我々作戰地域  
ヲ空襲シ又那冰遺軍、艦隊ニ入リタル敵航空機塔  
兼負ニ之ヲ適用ス。

又二條 左ニ記載スル行為ヲ為シタル者ハ軍罰ニ處  
ス。

一、普通人民ヲ威嚇スル殺傷スルコトヲ目的トシ、爆  
撃、射撃、其、他、攻撃ヲ加フルコト。

二、軍事的目的ヲ有セサル私有財産ヲ破壊スル  
毀損スルコトヲ目的トシ、爆撃、射撃、其、他  
ノ攻撃ヲ加フルコト。

三、已ムヲ得ナル場合、外軍事的目的以外、目標  
ニ對シ、爆撃、射撃、其、他、攻撃ヲ加フルコト。

四、前三項、外戰時國際法規ニ違反スルコト。

前項、行為ヲ為ス目的ヲ以テ帝國領ニ滿洲國又ハ

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我々作戦ニ城ニ未襲シ其、未タ之ヲ遂ゲザル前、又郡  
派遺軍、權内ニ入リタル者亦同シ。

又三條 軍罰ハ死トス。但シ情狀ニ依リ、無期、又ハ十年  
以上、監禁ヲ以テ之ニ代ルコトヲ得。

又四條 死ハ銃殺ス。

監禁ハ監禁所ニ於テ定役ニ服ス。

又五條 特別ノ事由アルトキハ軍罰、執行ヲ免除ス。

又六條 監禁ニ於テハ本軍律ニ定ルモノ、外刑法、懲  
役ニ實スル規定ヲ準用ス。

### 附則

本軍律ハ昭和十七年八月十三日より之ヲ施行ス。

本軍律ハ施行前ノ行為ニ對シモ之ヲ適用ス。

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